



WCTRS Scientific Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 11th, 2024

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendees

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| 1. Lóri Tavasszy – Chair – B5 | 18. Takeru Shibayama – G2 |
| 2. Tae Oum – WCTRS President | 19. Gunnar Stefansson – B3 |
| 3. Daniel Sperling – WCTRS Secretariat | 20. Johan Woxenius – B Chair |
| 4. Giovanni Circella – WCTRS Secretariat | 21. Binyam Reja – TA H |
| 5. Yoshitsugu Hayashi – Former WCTRS President | 22. Ralf Elbert - B3 |
| 6. Chantal Roucolle – CDT Deputy Chair Toulouse | 23. Hideki Nakamura – VC SIG Development |
| 7. Zong Tian – C Chair | 24. Hao Xu – C4 |
| 8. Ozay Ozaydin – VC Publications, Journal – E1 | 25. John Preston – A3 |
| 9. Füsün Ülengin - VC Publications, Procedia – E1 | 26. Sushant Sharma – B5 |
| 10. Haijun Huang – EIC JTRP | 27. Günter Emberger – G2 |
| 11. Michael Browne – B4 | 28. Kun Wang – B1 |
| 12. Stéphanie Risser – Event Coordinator at Toulouse | 29. Marc Ivaldi – CDT Chair Toulouse |
| 13. Lisa Hansson – G1 | 30. Ashish Bhaskar - C3 |
| 14. Aseem Kinra – B1 | 31. Laetitia Dablanc – WCTR-Y Chair |
| 15. Maria Attard – SCC Communications – G3 | 32. Meng Li – TA H |
| 16. Varameth Vichiensan – H5 | 33. Caroline Mullen – D1 |
| 17. Fu Xiaowen – Editor in Chief for CSTP | 34. Helena Titheridge – G4 |
| | 35. Patrick Jochem – F2 |
| | 36. Elenna Dugundji – B3 |
| | 37. Luo Xiao – F3 |
| | 38. Sergio Rodolfo Jara Díaz - VC Prizes |



- 39. Keshuang Tang – C2
- 40. Shinya Hanaoka – H1
- 41. Patrick Jochem – F2
- 42. Lina Kattan – C3

- 43. Lawrence Frank – G6
- 44. Subhan Chiluwal – Observer
- 45. Grant Matson – Observer

Apologies

- 1. Georgina Santos
- 2. Anthony May
- 3. Martin Trepanier
- 4. Stephen Ison

1. Opening, agenda, minutes – Lori Tavasszy

- a. Started the meeting with introductions and welcome to the meeting
- b. Key Objective: Start new cycle of SCC 2024-2026
- c. There are no objections to moving the publication status update (part 6) to after the break (part 5) to accommodate timing issues
- d. Minutes sent out yesterday for preapproval. Waiting until Monday for any additional comments

2. President's report on WCTRS – Tae Oum

- a. Tae provided an update on the transition of the secretariat from the University of Leeds to UC Davis
- b. Update on the taskforces:
 - i. Covid-19:
 - 1. Yoshi Hayashi and Junyi Zhang successfully completed the taskforce work
 - a. Books, journal articles, and policy brief
 - ii. Survey Efficiency Benchmarking:



1. Completed the first-year report and tabled in the Montreal Conference
- iii. Chartered Education & License Program:
 1. Needs reformulations because China's Education ministry removed any financial incentives
 2. Martin Dresner is looking for new opportunities outside of China.
 3. T&F Journal – Sustainable Transport and Livability
 - a. Two aspects of the T&F proposed agreement that Tae strongly opposes
 - i. The publisher grants the WCTRS the limited, non-exclusive right to affiliate with the journal worldwide during the term in accordance with the terms/conditions set out in the agreement.
 1. Tae's Response: "For Transport Policy, we have an exclusive collaboration agreement with Elsevier. Whatever reason T&F are not happy with us, they can invite another society to help them on the same journal. This is unacceptable to the WCTRS."
 - ii. The appointment of all editors, and the editorial policy of the journal, shall be the sole responsibility of the publisher, the publisher may consult with the WCTRS at the publisher's discretion.
 1. Tae's Response: "For Transport Policy, WCTRS president and Publication Vice Chair SCC are directly involved in searching/evaluating the EiC, Editors and Associate Editors, and the WCTS Steering



Committee approves them before submitting
the names to Elsevier to appoint.”

- b. All of this considered, Tae is unable to approve the contract as it is provided. If T&F were able to address this issue, then he would sign the agreement – until July 23, 2024, after which he will not open this idea.

4. International Collaboration Partners

- a. Open to new suggestions for additional partners, or additional ways to engage with the partners.
 - i. John Preston mentioned that UIC (International Union of Railways – A3 & A4) and ITEA (International Transport Economists Association – E2) should be considered.

5. Questions:

- a. Giovanni Circella – Noted that after many attempts, the proposed contract with T&F has improved significantly.
- b. Marc Ivaldi – Suggested we inquire about contacting the international partners.
 - i. The partners should be contacted; they will be present at the STC meeting.
- c. Lori Tavasszy – Inquired if the STC has the authority to make the decision of the T&F contact instead of it being an executive decision.
 - i. Ali replies that it can be an executive decision.
 - ii. Lori asked for the Secretariat to confirm this in a follow up

3. SIGs Status - Hideki Nakamura

- a. Hideki Nakamura provided a summary of the SIG activities and reports



- b. Only 24 SIGs (77%) have reported updates
 - i. Requested updates from the remaining seven SIGs:
 - 1. A3, A4, D1, D4, G4, G6, I1
 - a. D1, D4, G6, I1 have had no response since Montreal 2023
 - ii. SIG A3 submitted on July 9th, reported by John Preston
 - c. SIG Chair and Co-Chair changes in C1, C3, F4, G2
 - i. SIG-C1 (Traffic Flow and Network Modeling):
 - 1. Chair and co-chair have been swapped
 - a. Chair: Xiaopeng LI (University of Wisconsin, USA)
 - b. Co-chair: Xiaobo QU (Tsinghua University, China)
 - ii. SIG-C3 (Intelligent Transport Systems):
 - 1. Proposing to appoint Dr. Lina Kattan, Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Calgary, Canada as a co-chair.
 - iii. SIG-F4 (Livability and Non-motorized Transport):
 - 1. SIG title and the scope are to be updated
 - iv. SIG G2 (National and Regional Transport Planning and Policy):
 - 1. An additional co-chair, Prof. Silvio Nocera (IUAV University of Venice, Italy), is proposed
 - d. For additional information, see the reports provided by each SIG
 - e. Questions:
 - i. Daniel Sperling – Surprised at G6’s status, we need to recontact Frank to see where the disconnect is happening
 - ii. Tae Oum – Suggested we advertise in the WCTRS newsletter to help rebuild the SIGS that lack activity
- 4. Preparations WCTRS 2026 – Lori Tavasszy, Marc Ivaldi, Martin Trepanier**
- a. Timeline presented and feedback requested



| ACTIVITY | Who (first = lead) | 2023 | 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2026 | | | | | | | SCC meeting | (Jan-live June-virtual) |
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| 0. Organisational preparations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.1 establish new SCC | SCC chair + VC SIGs + STC chair | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.2 agree CMS, local CDT support | CD + VC Conf + SCCC + Secr | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.3. evaluation 2023 | SCCC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.4 sponsor promotion webinar | SCCC + VC Conf + CD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.5 awards/prizes guideline check | VC-Prizes & Awards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.6 write call for papers | CD + SCCC + VC Conf | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.7 commit special issues for 2026 | SIG chairs, VC SI's | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Submission and registration | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.1 call => submissions | VC-Conf + CD + authors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.2 receive feedback and improve | authors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.3 submit final paper | authors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.4 register | authors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Review and evaluate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.1 commit reviewers | SIG chairs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.2 assign papers to reviewers | SIG chairs + VC Conf | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.3 finalize reviews | SIG chairs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.4 grade papers, inform authors | SIG chairs, VC Conf, CD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Programme building | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.1 keynotes and special sessions | authors + SIG chairs (keynotes: CD + SCCC + STCC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.2 design sessions | SIG chairs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.3 arrange session chairs | SIG chairs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3.4 finalize programme | SIG chairs, VC Conf, CD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Conference material | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.1 Material plan check | VC-Conf + CD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.2 Develop materials | VC-Conf + CD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.3 Booklet approval | VC-Conf + SCCC + CD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.4 Delivery | CD + SCCC + VC Conf | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Virtual meet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.1 circulate guide for SIGs | SCCC + CDT + VC Conf | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.2 schedule and prepare sessions | SCCC + VC Conf + SIGs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5.3 deliver | SIGs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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- Promotion is starting now, call will go out mid-2025, added new item for a virtual meeting for SIGs
 - 0.4 – Sponsor Promotion Webinar – this is for the sponsor of the Toulouse conference
- b. Speaker/Conference Details
- Need to confirm the keynote speaker as it is very useful for advertising.
 - One speaker confirmed but still looking for one more.
 - Open for suggestions on one more top scholar. Please send suggestions to Lori
 - There is a concern about there being too many plenary sessions as they limit other overlapping events
 - New Members of the Conference Committee:
 - Sylvain Bourjade – Chair of Communication Committee
 - Chantal Roucolle – Chair of Program Committee



3. Stephanie Risser – Event Coordinator at University of Toulouse –
Chair of Local Organizing Committee

- c. Brochure
 - i. Available at the link provided in the presentation
 - ii. Requested to share with potential sponsors and others that might be interested in participating in the conference
 - iii. Sponsorship is not divided into specific levels, which allows for flexibility in tailoring offerings to what sponsors are able to contribute
- d. Online Flagship Research Panel
 - i. Virtual Meeting at 15:30 CEST on November 7th, 2024
 - ii. All WCTRS Members will be invited to attend
 - iii. The objective is to engage with all the WCTRS members and remind them of the upcoming conference, inform them of the spirit of the conference, and encourage them to write quality papers
- e. Profession Congress Organizer (PCO)
 - i. Call for Proposal has been sent out and many organizations are interested.
 - ii. Currently searching for the right software/service to meet all needs of the WCTR scientific program and registration
 - iii. Will be selected by the end of July, under strict confidentiality, so no detailed updates at this time
 - iv. There will be an onboarding session for the SIGs after the selection.
- f. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
 - i. The CSR plan is currently being designed; it will address reducing carbon footprint, enhancing resource efficiency, supporting local communities, promoting sustainable practices, and monitoring and reporting
- g. Proposal for a Virtual Meeting in 2025
 - i. Lori presented the schedule (see item five on the timeline).
 - 1. Would take place in June/July 2025



ii. Rationale

1. Additional visibility and reach outside of the membership, including improved access to developing and emerging countries
2. An opportunity for SIGs to participate in an activity if not already, and overall organizing the SIGs before the upcoming conference

iii. Opposition

1. No longer necessary due to COVID-19, no guaranteed attendance
2. May overlap with existing SIG activities and overall conference preparations/work balance

iv. Vote via chat: Yes: 25 - No: 7

1. Notes:

- a. Laetitia Dablanc – Supports a virtual conference in 2025, in a light format. Suggested we include a career development session organized by the young members in charge of WCTRS-Y.

2. Aim for early 2025, as to not interfere with 2026 conference

h. WCTRS–Y – Laetitia Dablanc

- i. Lori presented on Laetitia’s behalf due to poor internet connection
- ii. Laetitia is transferring the leadership role to Ashish Verma after the upcoming conference and new social media managers are selected in April 2025
 1. Already working together for planning of WCTRS-Y timeline
 2. Will add the new virtual meeting session to the timeline

5. Community Outreach – Maria Attard

a. Social Media – Maria Attard

- i. Facebook, Twitter/X, YouTube, LinkedIn.



- ii. We are currently in the lull between conferences and should begin updating all the branding on our pages as we prepare for the upcoming Toulouse conference

- 1. Requested for logo and other branding imagery so pages can be updated

b. WCTRS Research Newsletter – Ashish Verma

- i. Monthly publishing since Feb 2021
- ii. Summary of updates on the newsletter was provided
- iii. Newsletter contract with Ashish ended in June, will need a new contract to continue work
 - 1. This topic will be brought up in the STC meeting
 - 2. If a budget issue appears, there will be consideration of a bi-monthly release instead of monthly

6. Publications status, 2023 Proceedings and SIs – Fusun Ulengin; Ozay Ozaydin

a. Transport Policy

- i. CiteScore has increased from 10.7 to 12.1 while Impact Factor is now 6.3 (previous 6.8), which is lower than last year but in line with the reduction seen in all transportation journals of the past year
 - 1. Details on the change are available in the presentation slides
- ii. New editors appointed by Elsevier:
 - 1. Jason Cao, University of Minnesota, USA
 - 2. Giovanni Circella, University of Ghent, Belgium
 - 3. Andre de Palma, Cergy Paris Universite
 - 4. Luigi dell'Olio, University of Cantabria, Spain
 - 5. Ying-En (Ethan) Ge, Chang'an University, China
 - 6. Changmin Jiang, UIBE, China
 - 7. Juan de Dios Ortuzar, PUC, Chile
 - 8. Michael Smart, Rutgers, USA



9. Hangjun Yang, UIBE, China
10. Zhongzhen Yang, Ningbo University
- iii. Performance is ahead of last year on all key statistics
- iv. Desk rejection rate is currently 66%
- v. The majority of submissions are from mainland China
- vi. Comments:
 1. Tae Oum – Noted that the journal generates more revenue than the triannual conference for WCTRS
- b. Case Studies on Transport Policy – Xiaowen Fu
 - i. On track to have more submissions than 2023 (estimate of 1000).
 - ii. Desk Rejection rate around 60% and acceptance rate at 20%.
 - iii. Impact Factor 2.4 (last year 4.5)
 1. In line with other transportation journals
 2. Increase in publications drives this number down
 - iv. 2023 saw a significant increase in submission but editorial speed was maintained, with similar levels expected for 2024 but editorial speed is expected to decrease
 1. 2023 editorial speed stayed the same due to increase in editors
 2. 2024 needs more editors to maintain same level of editorial speed
 - v. All editors are 100% voluntary, suggested that a minimal incentive is in order to show appreciation for this hard work
 1. Tae Oum – 50% of Elsevier CSTP revenue should be given to editors as a gesture of appreciation
 - a. A one time payment in December
 2. Giovanni Circella – we will confirm the amount at the STC meeting
- c. WCTRS – Elsevier Book Series – Masanobu Kii
 - i. Book Statuses – Lori Tavasszy



1. Two new books have been accepted for 2024

Accepted

**International Perspectives on
Public Transport Responses to
Covid-19**

Takeru Shibayama

Proposal Received: March 18, 2022

Proposal Accepted: -

Draft approved: November 28, 2023

Projected Publication: **August 16, 2024**

Accepted

**Road Traffic Coordinated Actuated
Signal Control: Global Practices**

Zong Tian, Wuping Xin, Thomas
Riedel, Axel Wolfermann, Wanjing
Ma

Received: 2021

Accepted: April 5, 2021

Draft: not received yet

Projected Publication: April 1, 2025

a. LE: Steve Ison

LE: Bhargab Maitra

2. One book was cancelled

Canceled

**Big and Open Data for High-
quality Transit Access**

Jiangping Zhou

Received: November 2021

Accepted: January 2022

Projected Publication: -

a. LE: Masanobu Kii

ii. Editorial board has requested SIGS to suggest new book ideas

1. Call if available here: <https://wctrs-society.com/wctrs-publications/>

iii. Special Issues – Ozay Ozaydin

1. TA-A – Four special issues ongoing, one is considering a book

a. If there were not enough for a special issue, they were
moved to regular issues

2. TA-B – One is finalized, three are still ongoing

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moved to regular issues



3. TA-C – One issue was cancelled due to lack of papers; others are still ongoing
4. TA-D – No response from chair, this needs to be addressed
5. TA-E – One special issue is ongoing, with papers under review
6. TA-F – Special issues are ongoing with papers under review
7. TA-G – All work is ongoing, with around 50 papers
8. TA-H – Work is ongoing
9. TA-I – No response from chair for update, only four papers pending so turnaround should be quick

d. **Procedia**

- i. Progress is ongoing and positive
- ii. Second review has been completed

Papers with decision (242 papers)

| Accepted C papers | Accepted AB switched to Procedia | All accepted papers (C+AB) | Final Word(or LaTeX) version received | Not yet received |
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| 199 | 50 | 245 | 211 | 34 |

- iii.
- iv. 11 papers are still under second review, five papers waiting on SIG Chair
– Martin Trepainer has asked SIG Chairs
- v. Three papers from WCTRS-Y
- vi. Expecting 259 Procedia papers
- vii. Expecting the Procedia papers to be published by the end of this summer.
- viii. **Comments**
 1. Tae Oum – Inquired about the total number of special issue publications.



- a. Special issues – 7 have been published
- b. Expectation for additional 3-8 special issues
- c. Many special issues were integrated into the regular journal because there were not enough papers to create full special issues
- d. There were 21 special issues from the Mumbai conference, so we are seeing a decline in performance for Montreal.
- e. Tae expressed concern that this reduction may reduce the critical revenue that WCTRS receives from Elsevier.
- f. Need to address the Special Issue process as papers are being lost due to the lengthy speed of publication, e.g. 50 AV papers have moved to Procedia

7. Other Business

- a. Johan Woxenius – Asked for an update on the “Encyclopedia”
 - i. ACTION ITEM: Lori Tavasszy will ask Elsevier for an update on this
- b. Takeru Shibaymam – Requested we update the homepage to include new conference materials
 - i. Request to include all additional information on Montreal:
 - 1. Dupuit Prize
 - 2. Keynotes
 - 3. Meetings
- c. Sergio Rodolfo Jara Diaz – Commented that we need to begin the process advertising for the next conference application
- d. Lawrence Frank – Informed that he will follow up with G6 on new topics and new members
 - i. Lori Tavasszy said to please engage with Larry Frank to ensure the SIG stays active



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- ii. Needs assistance to build a critical mass for the SIG and requires support from the larger organization to achieve this

8. Next Meeting

- a. Jan 2025 – TRB in person and online

9. End Of Meeting

- a. Meeting concluded